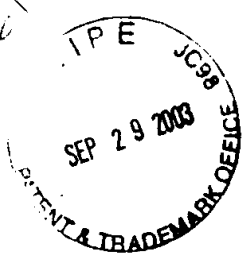


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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: